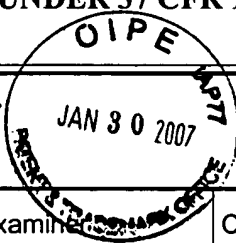


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
3831.03

In Re Application Of: **SHUICHI MIZUNO, ET AL.**



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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Invention: **METHOD FOR GROWTH AND *DE NOVO* FORMATION OF A SUPERFICIAL CARTILAGE LAYER *IN SITU* AND FO REPAIR OF DAMAGED CARTILAGE USING NEO-CARTILAGE CONSTRUCTS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 10/04/2006 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: JANUARY 4, 2007 until: FEBRUARY 4, 2007
Date *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$60 and is to be paid as follows:

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1331

☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 16-1331

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

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